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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/554,463	GO, GIOK DJIEN	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Eric D Culbreth	3616	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Eric D Culbreth. (3) _____

(2) Mr Giok Djen Go, applicant. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 19 October 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: Fax filed 10/17/04.

Claim(s) discussed: _____

Identification of prior art discussed: _____

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.



Examiner's signature, if required

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: In response to the questions raised in the fax of 10/17/04:

I) The title to be used with the application ("This is an application of [09/554,463] related to a division of..." is not satisfactory because this case is not "an application" of 09/554,463, but rather is the application itself. Also, it is not proper under US practice to state that the application is "related to" another case without stating clearly what that relationship is (i.e., a continuation, divisional, etc.). At any rate, stating that this case is related to a division is not clear (what is the "division" application?). Apparently, the applicant is attempting to say that "This application is a continuation of PCT/DE98/03270", assuming all the material in this application was previously disclosed in the international application. If this is true, that is what should be at the beginning of the specification.

II) Contrary to applicant's comments in part II) about drawing changes, Figures 13, 13b and 15 are different from the original drawings. Unless there is some explanation for this, the replacement drawings are not approved. The applicant also mentions "small changes" and that "most of the reference numerals remain unchanged". It should be clear what has been changed; marked up drawings showing what changes were made should be included with applicant's next correspondence.

III) Regarding part III of the fax of 10/17/04, as explained in Ms. Draper's final Office Action of 6/16/04, the original claims were to different subject matter than claims 74-90. While the applicant was required to reply to the new references cited, that response cannot include claims to different subject matter.

IV) Regarding the claim rejection in the final Office action that "stiff" was not disclosed in the specification, this rejection was made because the term "stiff third transportation member" was not used in the specification as originally filed. As examiner Draper suggested, a better might be the original "floor of the transportation system".

V) Regarding the conclusion, it is noted that US Patents have to conform to US rules and statutes. Regarding the questions about fees, the examiner does not address fees, only patentability. It is noted that currently it is not clear how many claims are in the case, as the 9/2/04 amendment has claims 42-81, but the finally rejected claims were 42-90.

To expedite allowance while avoiding more confusion, the examiner recommends:

1. Put the current serial number (i.e., 09/554,463) on all future correspondence, and do not send the response with papers from other application (do not even mention other serial numbers as was done with the response of 9/9/04).
2. File a clean copy of the substitute specification accompanied by a marked up copy of the original specification showing additions and deletions.
3. Send a cover letter requesting the substitute specification be entered (identify the substitute specification by date) and stating that the substitute specification contains no new matter.
4. Send a copy of the claims intended to be in the case at issue (claims 42-73) with any additions to the claims underlined and deletions in brackets ("[]"). Each claim should have an identifier in parenthesis before it (i.e., "canceled", "amended"). The cover letter mentioned above should request that the claims be entered. Claims 74-90 should be canceled.
5. Either make sure the substitute specification agrees with the replacement drawings (i.e., don't refer to Figures 1A to 1C if they are not in the drawings, make sure every numeral mentioned in the substitute specification is the drawing it is said to be on, etc.), or better yet, send replacement sheets each labeled "Replacement sheet" of each sheet of figures intended to be in the patent when the case issues, along with marked up sheets showing exactly what has been changed from the originally filed drawings. Again, the cover letter mentioned above should request these drawings be entered.